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PRACTICE GROUPS

Alternative Dispute Resolution
General Liability
Professional Liability/
Claim Prevention

INDUSTRY GROUPS

Construction
Real Estate and Residential
Property Management

OVERVIEW

Mr. Hill is a trial lawyer whose practice focuses on real estate professional liability matters with significant high stakes claims, class actions, and anti-trust matters.

Mr. Hill represents corporations and professionals in trial and appellate courts, licensing boards, and at arbitrations and mediations. He recently successfully defended the area's largest real estate brokerage company against a major anti-trust allegation, and regularly defends the company's agents on all issues, including malpractice claims, ethics complaints, and licensing revocation hearings.

Mr. Hill is a National Board of Trial Advocacy Certified Civil Trial Specialist and a Minnesota State Bar Association Certified Civil Trial Senior Specialist. He has arbitrated and mediated hundreds of cases as a Minnesota Supreme Court qualified arbitrator and mediator.

Mr. Hill is member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for his work in commercial litigation.

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., 1994

University of Minnesota, B.S., 1980

Bar Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, District of New York
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- Minnesota
- Wisconsin

Certifications

- Minnesota State Bar Association Board Certified Senior Civil Trial Law Specialist, 2001-present
- National Board of Trial Advocacy Certified Civil Trial Specialist, 1999-present
- Arbitrator, Qualified Neutral under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice, 1995-present

EXPERIENCE

Trials

- 30+ Jury Trials
- 50+ Court Trials

Arbitrations

- 200+ Arbitrations

Mediations

- 100+ Mediations
- More than 50% Resolved as a Result of Mediation

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Representative Cases

- Part of trial team representing Minnesota class of corn farmers seeking damages from seed producer resulting from premature release of genetically modified corn seed; *In re: Syngenta Litigation*, 27-CV-15-3785 (Minn. Dist. Ct., filed Mar. 10, 2015).
- Affirmance of district court dismissal of Fair Housing Act claims for discrimination and retaliation by tenant against real estate broker and agent; *Peet v. Associated Bank, N.A.*, 556 Fed. Appx. 546 (Minn. Ct. App. Feb. 11, 2014).
- Affirmed trial court summary judgment dismissing commission claims against real estate broker and affirmed court award of bad faith attorney's fees against opposing counsel.
- Affirmed district court dismissal of claims for indemnity arising out of Pierringer release and for broker liability for agents allegedly intentional assault.
- Amicus curie brief to state supreme court resulting in decision that brokerage clients were not engaged in the unauthorized selling of insurance in Minnesota; *Allen v. Burnet Realty, LLC*, 801 N.W.2d 153 (Minn. 2011).
- Represented a realty company, obtaining a favorable decision in an arbitration agreement involving alleged breach of contract, negligence, breach of duty to disclose, fraud, and consumer fraud.
- Defended a title company, obtaining a favorable outcome in a class action involving the alleged violations of Minnesota's Prevention of Consumer Fraud Act and the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Additional Representative Cases

- *Shamrock Dev., Inc. v. Smith*, 754 N.W.2d 377 (Minn. 2008).
- *Loppe v. Steiner*, 699 N.W.2d 342 (Minn. Ct. App. 2005).
- *Group Health, Inc. v. Heuer*, 499 N.W.2d 526 (Minn. Ct. App. 1993).
- *Rudelt v. Superior Contractors*, 446 N.W.2d 386 (Minn. 1989).

Publications

- *Real Estate Brokers and Related Professionals*, author, Real Estate Law Chapter, Minnesota Practice Series, 2016-2017 ed.

Seminars

Mr. Hill has given more than one hundred presentations during the course of his career on topics ranging from real estate arbitration and litigation to discovery, disclosure, and documentation; transactions to agency relationship; and moisture intrusion and mold to recent developments in real estate law.

- *The Three D's of Safe Practice—Discover, Disclose, Document*, presenter, Minnesota Association of Realtors, Alexandria, Minn., February 16, 2011
- *Neighbor Law*, presenter, Minnesota State Bar Association, Detroit Lakes, Minn., June 14, 2010
- *Issues Unique to Recreational and Lake Shore Property*, presenter, Minnesota State Bar Association, June 3, 2010
- *Agency Relationship; Ethics; Fair Housing*, presenter, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, St. Cloud, Minn., April 24, 2008
- *ADR Institute*, speaker, Minnesota State Bar Association, October 19, 2007

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- *We're Going to the Cabin*, presenter, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, June 20, 2007
- *Arbitration or Litigation Speech*, presenter, Residential Real Estate Transactions Seminar, Minnesota State Bar Association, May 10, 2007
- *Disclosure and Arbitration*, presenter, Minnesota Association of Realtors, St. Cloud, Minn., April 26, 2007
- *Problems After the Sale—Arbitration or Litigation?*, presenter, Minnesota State Bar Association, June 6, 2006
- *Legal Considerations in Dealing with Mold*, presenter, CPCU Society Symposium, St. Paul, Minn., April 19, 2006
- *Avoiding Problems in Real Estate Transactions*, presenter, Southeast Minnesota Association of Realtors, April 17, 2006
- *Discover, Disclose and Document*, presenter, Rochester Area Association of Realtors, April 12, 2006
- *The 3 D's of Due Diligence for Real Estate Agent E&O*, presenter, Realtors Association of Southern Minnesota, February 23, 2006
- *Home Buyers', Home Sellers' and Realtors' Rights and Remedies in Arbitration*, presenter, New Arbitrator Training, Construction Arbitration Services, Inc., January 7, 2006
- *Mold and Water Intrusion, A Comprehensive Overview of Litigation and Claims in Minnesota*, Seminar Co-Chair, Minnesota State Bar Association, December 6, 2005
- *General Overview of Mold Litigation and the Future of Mold Claims*, presenter, Minnesota State Bar Association, December 6, 2005
- *Marketing Your Mediation Practice*, presenter, 8th Annual ADR Institute, Minnesota State Bar Association, October 28, 2005
- *Proving Damages Caused by Mold*, presenter, National Business Institute, September 14, 2005
- *The Mold Miasma*, presenter, Minnesota CLE, September 30, 2003
- *The Three D's of Real Estate E&O: Discovery, Disclose and Document*, presenter, Insurance Law Institute, All District Legal, July 22, 2003
- *Mold Litigation in Minnesota*, presenter, Lorman Education Services, March 26, 2003
- *Solving Water Intrusion and Mold Problems*, presenter, Lorman Education Services, April 24, 2002
- *Civil Litigation Primer—Effective Use of Depositions*, presenter, Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, July 1998
- *Real Estate Broker Errors & Omissions—Does Alternative Dispute Resolution Work?*, presenter, Defense Research Institute Professional Liability, 1997
- *Understanding the American Arbitration Association Home Buyer/Home Seller Arbitration System*, presenter, Minnesota Association of Realtors, Annual Convention, September 1995
- American Arbitration Association Introductory Arbitrator Training Seminar, Instructor, 1992-2002
- *Arbitrating the Home Buyer/Home Seller Dispute*, presenter, Minnesota CLE, Annual Real Estate Update Seminar, 1991
- *Real Estate Broker Liability*, presenter, Minnesota CLE, 1990

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Professional Achievements

- American Board of Trial Advocates

Bar Associations

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- State Bar of Wisconsin
- Hennepin County Bar Association

Professional Associations

- Defense Research Institute
- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association

Civic Involvement

- Prodeo Academy, tutor

ACCOLADES

Honors & Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants,, 2016-present
- Rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Attorney of the Year, as part of the *Syngenta* Legal Team, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2017
- Minnesota Super Lawyers list, *Super Lawyers*, 2002-present